GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:132
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2002
PROMOTION OF BIOTECHNOLOGY IN SMALL SCALE SECTOR
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the task force for development and promotion of biotechnology based products/ processes has been created in his ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the activities carried out by it;

(c) whether the Government have formulated national programme for different sectors in small scale industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OI IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING,DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS` WELFA THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT ATTACHED TO RPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 132 FOR REPLY ON 27.11.2002

(a) & (b): A Task Force for the development and promotion of biotechnology based small enterprises has been created under the Chairmanship of the Development Commissioner in the Ministry of Small Scale Industries (SSI). The Task Force presently comprises of members from the Department of Biotechnology and officers in the Ministry of SSI. The Task Force is charged with the task of assisting the Development Commissioner (SSI) in the initiatives for the promotion of biotechnology industry in the SSI sector.

(c) to (e): Government have formulated National Programmes for the Development of the Indian Toy Industry, Lock Industry, Machine Tool Industry and Stone Industry in association with United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), State Governments, concerned industr associations etc. The objective of these national programmes is to enhance competitiveness of the SSIsin these sectors through activities that include technology upgradation, market development, capacity building, promoting linkages, creation of specialized facilities, design assistance etc.